AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 1-34.

35.   (New) A method for processing speech, the method comprising:

  providing a computing device (CD) and a voice recognition peripheral device (VRPD), and informationally coupling the CD to the VRPD to form a CD/VRPD combination;

  providing a speech input in a first language to the CD/VRPD combination, and transforming the speech input to text in the CD/VRPD combination;

  translating the text from the first language into a second language output using the CD/VRPD combination; and

  communicating the second language output to a user.

36.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the computing device is a personal computer or a handheld computer.

37.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the step of informationally coupling comprises coupling the CD to the VRPD using a cable or wireless connection.

38.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the speech input is provided to the CD of the CD/VRPD combination.

39.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the speech input is translated in the VRPD of the CD/VRPD combination.

40.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the second language output is a text output.

41.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the second language output is a text output and wherein the VRPD converts the text output to speech.

42.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the second language output is communicated to the user as speech output in the second language.

43.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the second language output is communicated to the user using wireless communication.

44.   (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the VRPD is embodied in a card that is connected to the CD.